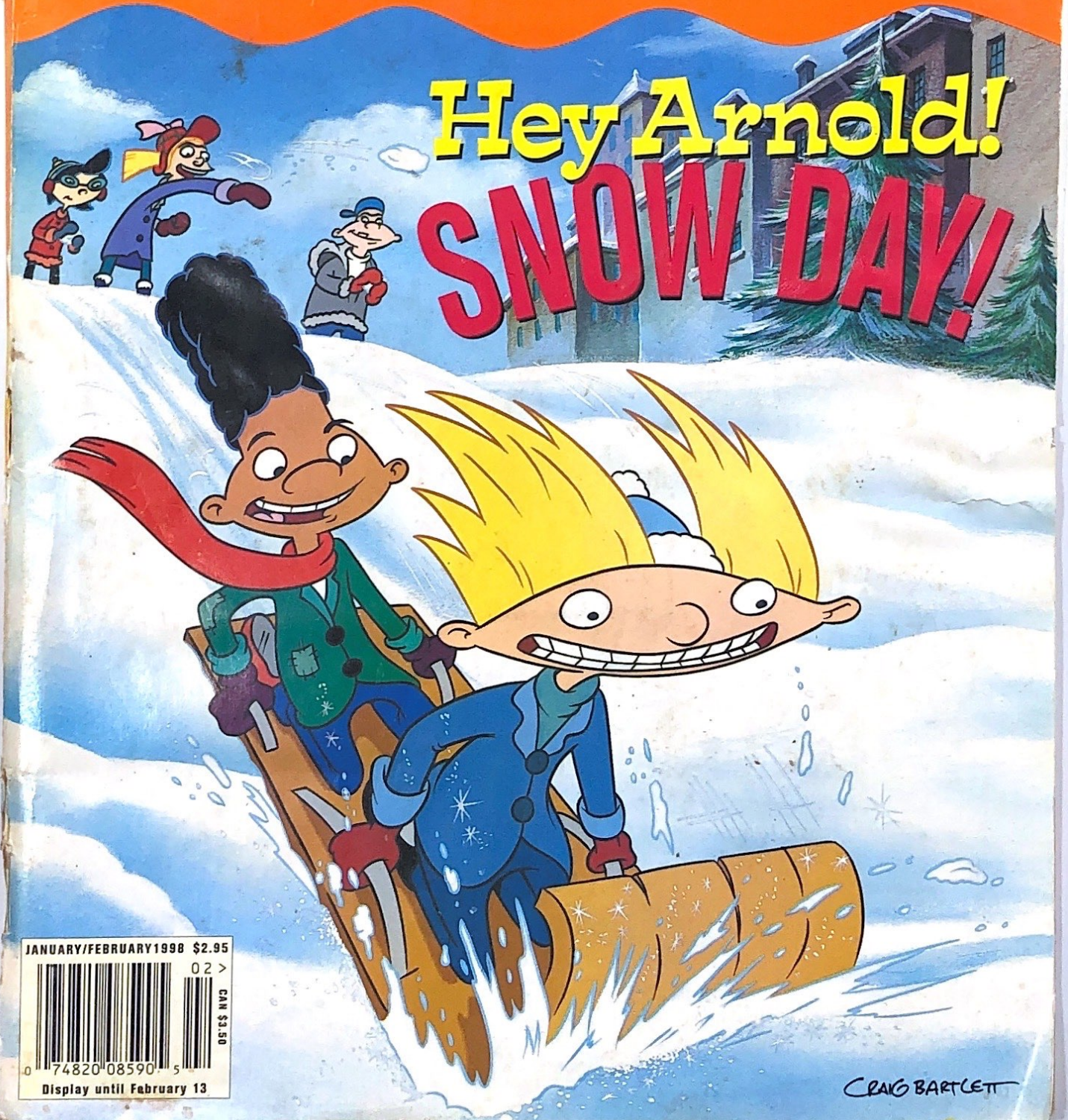


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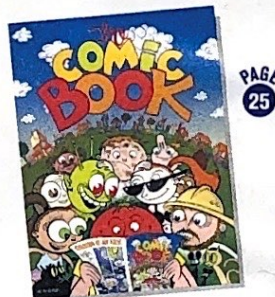
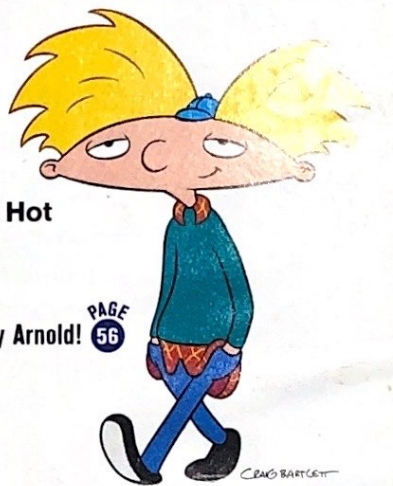
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Dear Nick Mag,

How come you always print so many contests with prizes? You give away prizes like they grow on trees! How can you afford it?

Francine Z., age 11
Mohegan Lake, New York

Dear Francine,

We don't know what you're talking about....

MEMO

TO: Nickelodeon Security
ALERT!
Francine Z. has discovered the secret Nick Mag Prize Trees! Relocate entire prize orchard immediately from Mohegan Lake to hidden location in New Jersey.

Dear Nick Mag,

Is your bathroom on the first floor? Do you have to go down a lot of floors to get to one?

Stephanie V., age 11½
De Pere, Wisconsin

Dear Stephanie,

Let's put it this way: We're on the 41st floor, and we have an unlimited supply of free soda. If we didn't have a bathroom on our floor, we'd be in serious trouble. Well, gotta go!

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Whatever We Want

Let's Chill

Welcome to our Cold Issue. If it gets too chilly, grab a hat from the top of the page, or use the sleds at the bottom for a quick getaway.

A BRAND NEW US

We're sure you're wondering what our New Year's resolutions are for 1998. Here's the top of the list:

1. Stop prank-calling *Boys' Life*.
2. Wash our hands after every issue.
3. Continue the fine tradition of putting the page numbers in numerical order.
4. Upgrade to the 42nd floor.



5. Replace the toilets with ones that flush all the way.
6. Stop being so gross. Maybe.
7. Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade from the Editor-in-Chief's apartment.
8. Make it through one issue without mentioning ciders. Oops.

It's outrageous.

FLURRY '98!

Wherever you live, we don't want this issue to make you feel left out of the cold. Use these tips to turn even a feeble flurry into...FLURRY '98!

- * Sit by the radio or television; stay tuned to the news at all times.

- * Create a logo or theme music for the storm.

- * Dash to the supermarket to stock up on toilet paper, candles, batteries, water, and canned food.

- * Pour salt all over the sidewalk.

- * Insist on staying up late so that you can find out whether your school will be closed in the morning.

- * Drink lots of hot chocolate.

- * Find your other glove.

- * Put snow chains on your bike tires.

- * When people ask what the fuss is all about, say, "It's coming...the BIG ONE!"



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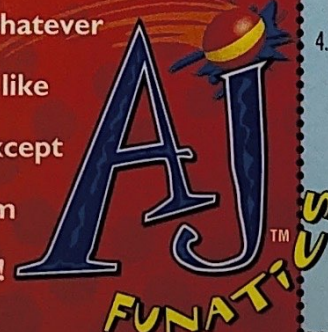
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ANDREW KEEGAN
of *Party of Five* and *7th Heaven*

Have you ever gotten cold feet before a performance?
No, but I have gotten sweaty palms.

What's your policy on yellow snow?
Don't touch it, don't play with it, don't eat it.



LINDSAY SLOAN
of *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*

Skating, skiing, or sleeping?

Sleeping is the safest thing. I'm a big klutz, so that's probably the only thing I could do without hurting myself.



FRENCH STEWART
of *3rd Rock From the Sun*

What's the coldest place you've ever been?
Poland. Reeeeeeeally cold.



KERRI STRUG
1996 Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics

Do you use Icy-Hot and Flex-All?
Yeah. They're basically an athlete's perfume.



DANNY TAMBERELLI
of *The Adventures of Pete & Pete* and *Figure It Out*

What's the coldest you've ever been?
When I was six years old I went to a New York Giants game with my father. They were playing the Dallas Cowboys, and it was like twenty degrees below zero. We sat right next to the entrance, which was a wind tunnel. I was so cold that my dad wrapped me in four blankets. My lips are still blue. But the Giants won and that's all that matters.

BRANDON HAMMOND
of *The Gregory Hines Show*

If you could be in the Winter Olympics, what sport would you compete in?

Skiing. I only know how to downhill ski, but I think the jumps are the coolest.

What's your favorite thing about cold weather?

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IT'S BEASTLY

To make it through the winter, take some tips from animals that really know how to chill when it's chilly.



Take a mud bath

The wood frog nearly freezes solid as it hibernates in the mud throughout the winter. Up to 65 percent of the water in the frog's body turns to ice, and its breathing, heartbeat, and circulation come to a stop. The frog also produces extra glucose (blood sugar), which protects its organs from ice damage. When the weather turns warm, the frog defrosts and hops away.

Sleep it off

Gray bats in the southeastern United States pile into caves and hibernate for the winter. Their heartbeats drop from 400 beats per minute to about 25, and their body temperatures hover just above freezing. Sometimes they wake up to drink or pee or find a different sleeping spot, but many sleep for months without ever waking.



Take a cruise to Mexico

When winter comes, gray whales take one whale of a vacation. They travel 5,000 miles from their summer homes in the Bering Sea near Alaska to warmer waters off the coast of Mexico. That's the longest migration by a mammal. On the return trip, female gray whales often bring back souvenirs: month-old gray-whale calves.



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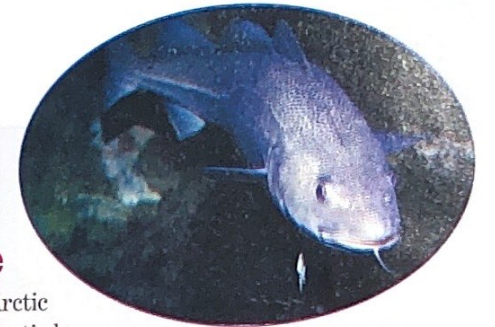
Real

by Martha Pickerill



Fly south

Every winter a cloud of 100 million monarch butterflies from North America descends on central Mexico for some warmth. Exhausted after flying more than 1,000 miles, the insects spend the winter resting in fir trees, living off the fat they stored before their journey. Sometimes so many butterflies cluster on a tree limb that it breaks under their weight.



Use anti-freeze

Fish in the Arctic and the Antarctic brew a kind of antifreeze in their blood that keeps them alive in icy ocean waters. The antifreeze prevents ice crystals inside their bodies from growing too big and turning the fish into Fishsicles.



Get a good pair of boots

The North American snowshoe hare has huge back feet that work like snowshoes to keep it from sinking into the snow as it hops around. The hare also survives winter by getting a new hare-do. Its coat turns from brown to white, which helps the hare blend into the snow and hide from its enemies.

Get a really warm parka

Reindeer spend the winter chipping away at ice and snow to find the sweet moss and lichen they love to eat. Their lean legs get as cold as 33°F, but their bodies stay a toasty 101°F. That's because each hair on a reindeer's coat is hollow, like a tube, so it traps and warms the air near the animal's body. For extra protection, reindeer also have dense, woolly undercoats.



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Winter in Quidy

This picture may show a summer scene, but it's filled with cold spots. Can you find the 12 things and one action in this drawing that have *cold* or *ice* or other chilly words in their names? For example, the younger sister in the bathroom is taking off her makeup with cold cream. Answers on page 62.

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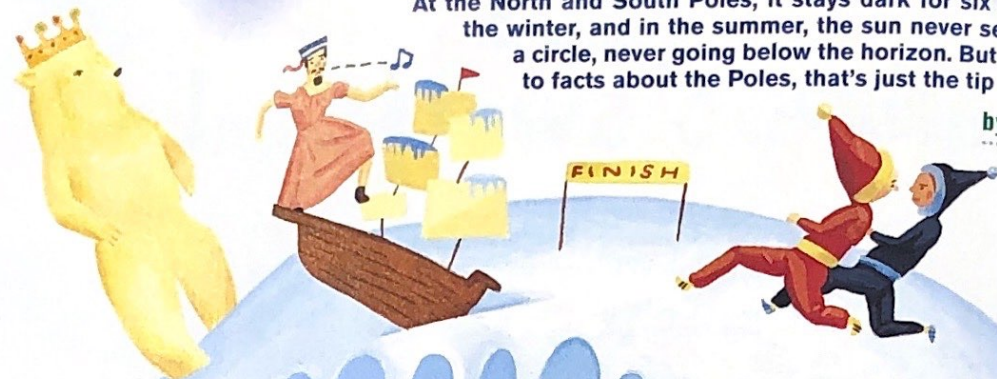
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The Ends of the Earth

At the North and South Poles, it stays dark for six months during the winter, and in the summer, the sun never sets—it moves in a circle, never going below the horizon. But when it comes to facts about the Poles, that's just the tip of the iceberg.

by Steve Stern



Up North

Danger: thick ice! The North Pole is a point in the middle of the Arctic Ocean, the smallest ocean in the world. Most of the Arctic Ocean is covered with two to 14 feet of ice all year long.

A stone-cold liar? In April 1909, Robert Peary, a U.S. Navy engineer, claimed he had reached the North Pole. Then Frederick Cook, an American doctor, said he had been to the Pole the year before. Newspapers, scientific organizations, and even Congress took sides. To this day, no one knows who got to the top of the world first.

Bearably cold The polar bear is one of the biggest land animals in the Arctic and the largest predator on Earth. In the Middle Ages, they were captured as gifts for royal courts, and every king in Europe wanted his own pet polar bear.

Long holiday In 1819, the ships of English explorer William Parry got stuck in the ice for the winter. Faced with months of darkness, Parry kept his crew busy—making a weekly newspaper and putting on plays. (One of the crew's favorites was called *Miss in Her Teens*.)

Down South

Dry ice The South Pole is in the middle of Antarctica, the fifth largest continent, and the coldest, driest, windiest, and iciest land mass on Earth. More than 95 percent of the continent is covered by ice.

Little man on campus Although Antarctica is visited by millions of seals, penguins, and seabirds, there are almost no land animals, except for tiny bugs. The largest permanent land-dweller is a species of wingless midge (a type of fly).

Take a pole The race to reach the South Pole was a close one. In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen beat British Navy captain Robert Scott by about one month.

Iced tea Winter temperatures in Antarctica can reach -70°F. At that temperature, boiling water thrown into the air would instantly turn into a cloud of snow.

Get a picture of that midge, Marge! Tourists first visited Antarctica in 1957.

Big birds The combined weight of all the penguins around Antarctica is estimated to be 193 million tons.



Life at the Top...and Bottom

We went to the North and South Poles to find out what it's like to live where it's mind-numbingly cold.

Real

by Oliver Jones

Over the Top

James Morison is an oceanographer at the University of Washington. On a recent trip to the Arctic, he lived with other scientists on a research ship and in tents on the ice.



James Morison (left) with engineer Russ Light.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What is the coldest temperature you've experienced at the North Pole?

JAMES MORISON: The coldest out on the sea ice was forty-five degrees below zero.

What is the best way to stay warm?

We wear Canadian mukluks [big snowboots] on our feet. In the tent, I use a sleeping bag called a survival bag. You could survive in it for a couple of days at thirty degrees below zero.

Is it easy to get lost?

When you are at the North Pole everything is south, so it can become confusing.

Ever go swimming up there?

I have gone diving a few times. Needless to

say I was wearing a dry [waterproof] suit. Being under the ice is just like floating in space.

What are some special Arctic foods?

An Inuit man once made me something called frozen reindeer. It was an ice-cold caribou leg dipped in seal oil, which has an incredibly fishy taste. It was not for me.

Inuit wouldn't be tasty.

Do you have any pets there?

We've run into some bears and a few Arctic wolves, but I wouldn't exactly call them pets. I certainly wouldn't want to pet them.



FROZEN INN: Scientists in the Arctic live on a ship frozen into the ice (above), and in a heated tent (right).

Way Down Under

Katy Jensen works as the winter site manager at a research station in the South Pole (below, left and right). She has lived through two Antarctic winters and is back for a third.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What is the coldest it has been at the South Pole?

KATY JENSEN: The coldest I've seen is minus 107 degrees Fahrenheit, right at the Pole. The warmest ever recorded was seven degrees.

What is the best way to stay warm?

We wear up to seven layers of clothes when we leave the station, but some people just never go outside.

What's the Antarctic winter like?

From February to October it's too cold for any planes to land, so there's no way to get in or out. There are 185 people here all summer, but only twenty-seven of us keep the station running through the long, dark winter.



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MORE Life at the Top

What's the worst time there?
The worst is whiteout—you can't see your own hand in front of your face because of the blowing snow. It can be beautiful if you're inside, but if you're lost, it's terrifying.

What do you do for entertainment?
We play volleybag. It's like volleyball except we use a cloth bag instead of a ball because our gym is so tiny. We also play cards, watch videos, surf the Web, and write poetry. We have very limited satellite access, so there's no TV.

Do you use a refrigerator, or just keep food outside?
We use the refrigerator to keep food warm! Freezer burn is a problem for meats stored outside.

Do you have any pets?
No, although occasionally we'll get a slug or a ladybug with a shipment of vegetables, and we try to keep them alive for a while.

When you finally leave, what seems strangest to you?
The smell of grass is overwhelming. And after months with the same twenty-seven people, it's neat just to see an old person or a kid or a differently shaped nose or ear.

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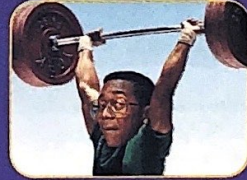
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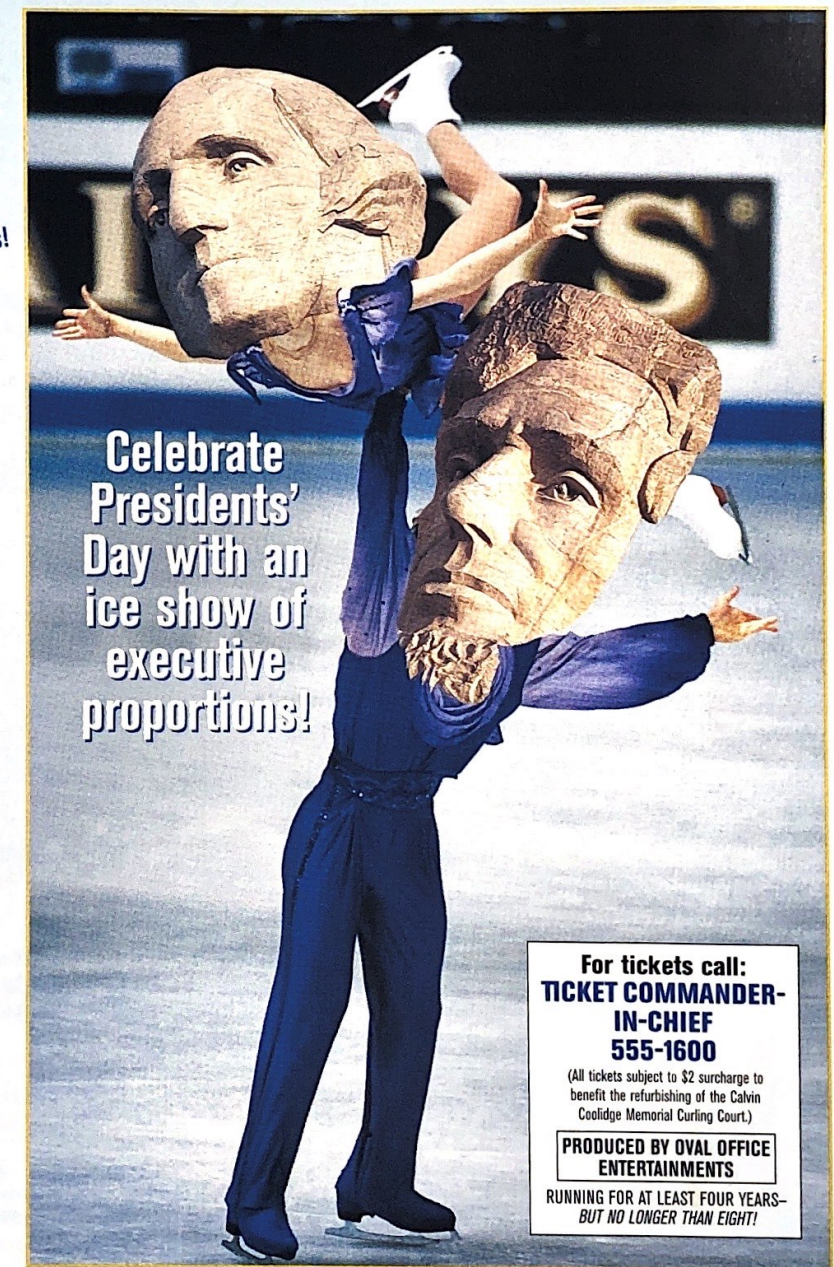


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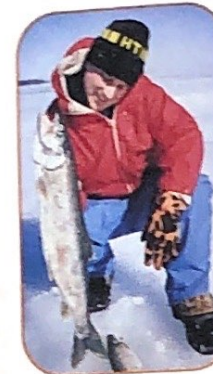
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Tom Gruenwald (left), a professional ice fisherman from Campbellsport, Wisconsin, is the author of *Hooked on Ice Fishing*. We baited him with some questions.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did you get started ice fishing?

TOM GRUENWALD: It started with the mystique of what's underneath the ice and how fish survive in that frozen water. When I was young, my neighbors took me ice fishing and I caught a couple of perch, and from that point forward I was hooked.

Does your butt get cold on the ice?

Well, I don't sit on the ice, that's for sure. We set up a shack with a woodstove on the frozen lake and use it as a home base. Then we take little portable shelters and wander off to find the spots where the fish are.

How do you cut a hole in the ice?

When the ice isn't really thick, you can just chip a hole with a chisel. Otherwise, you use an auger [similar to a big drill].

What are the shacks (right) like?

Some people have huge, two-story shacks, with beds, refrigerators, and TVs. They cut a trap door or a hole in the floor and drill a hole into the ice through that (right).

Have you ever caught anything other than a fish?

No. But once a muskrat popped his head up out of the hole and I flipped over backwards. He was probably just as scared as I was.

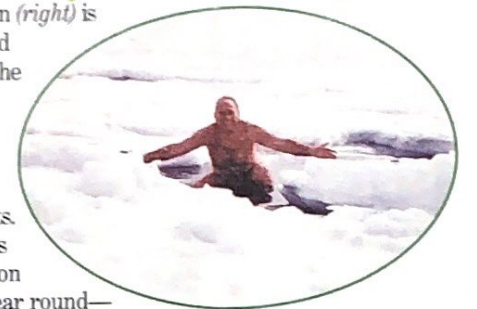
Would you ever go swimming in January?

I watch people run into the water on TV every year, but I don't think I'd take an ice bath. Watching it by the fireplace is good enough for me.

Freeze-style Swimming

Paul Levenson (right) is the 80-year-old president of the L Street Brownies, a swim club in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Brownies swim in Boston Harbor all year round—even on the coldest winter days. Paul got out of the water long enough to chatter with Rebecca Greene.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How cold is the coldest water you ever swam in?

PAUL LEVENSON: That would be twenty-eight degrees. [Boston Harbor is salt water, which freezes at a lower temperature than fresh water.]

Why do you like swimming in cold water?

It's very invigorating. If I don't do it, I feel like I'm missing something.

Is it dangerous?

Yes. You have to be careful about frostbite—you can't stay in too long. In January, that's just a minute or so. On a windy day, by the time you walk from the water's edge to the bathhouse, you have icicles all over your body.

How cold is too cold?

There's no such thing as "too cold." Several years ago, Boston Harbor was frozen over, and we couldn't get into the water because of the ice. We went out the next day and chopped holes in the ice and jumped in—like ice fishing, only we were the bait.

What do you say to people who think it's weird to swim in cold water?

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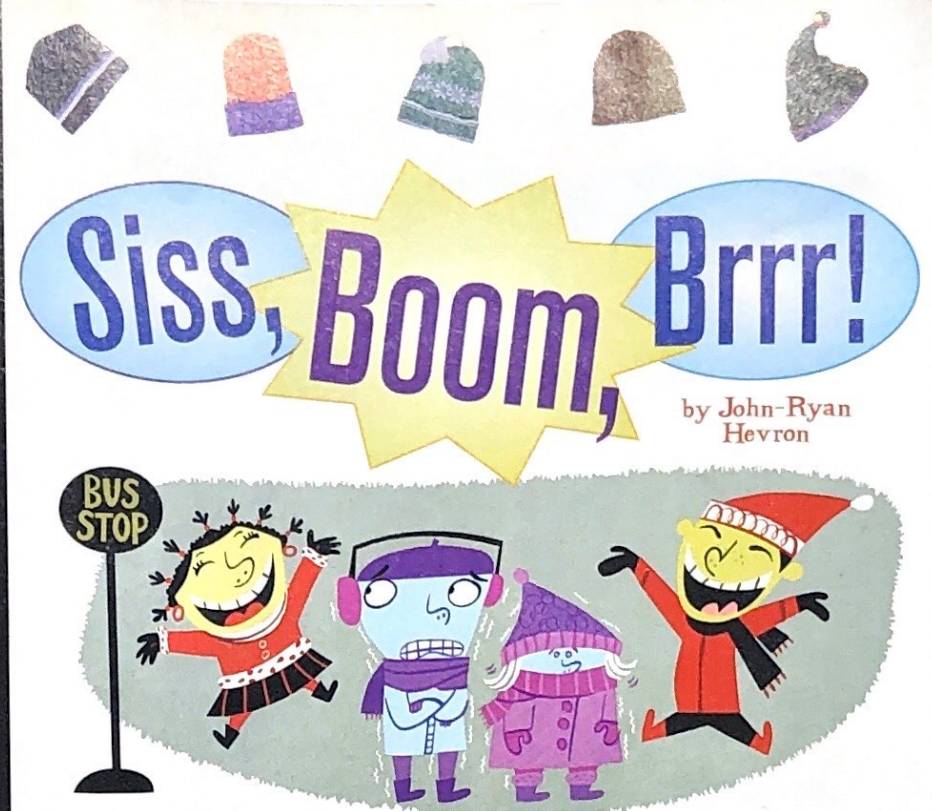
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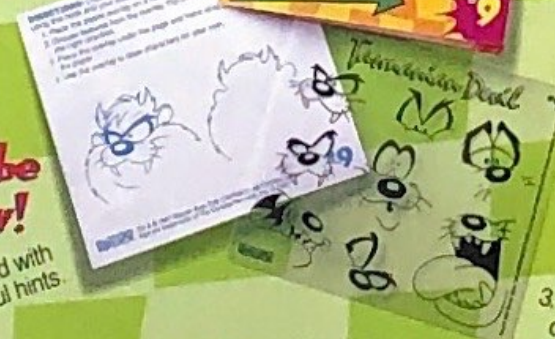


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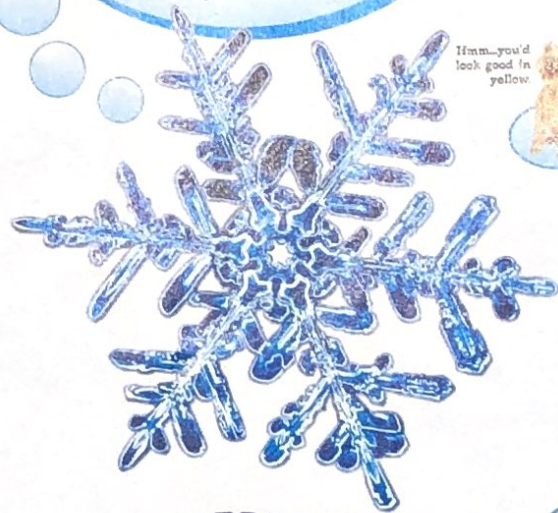
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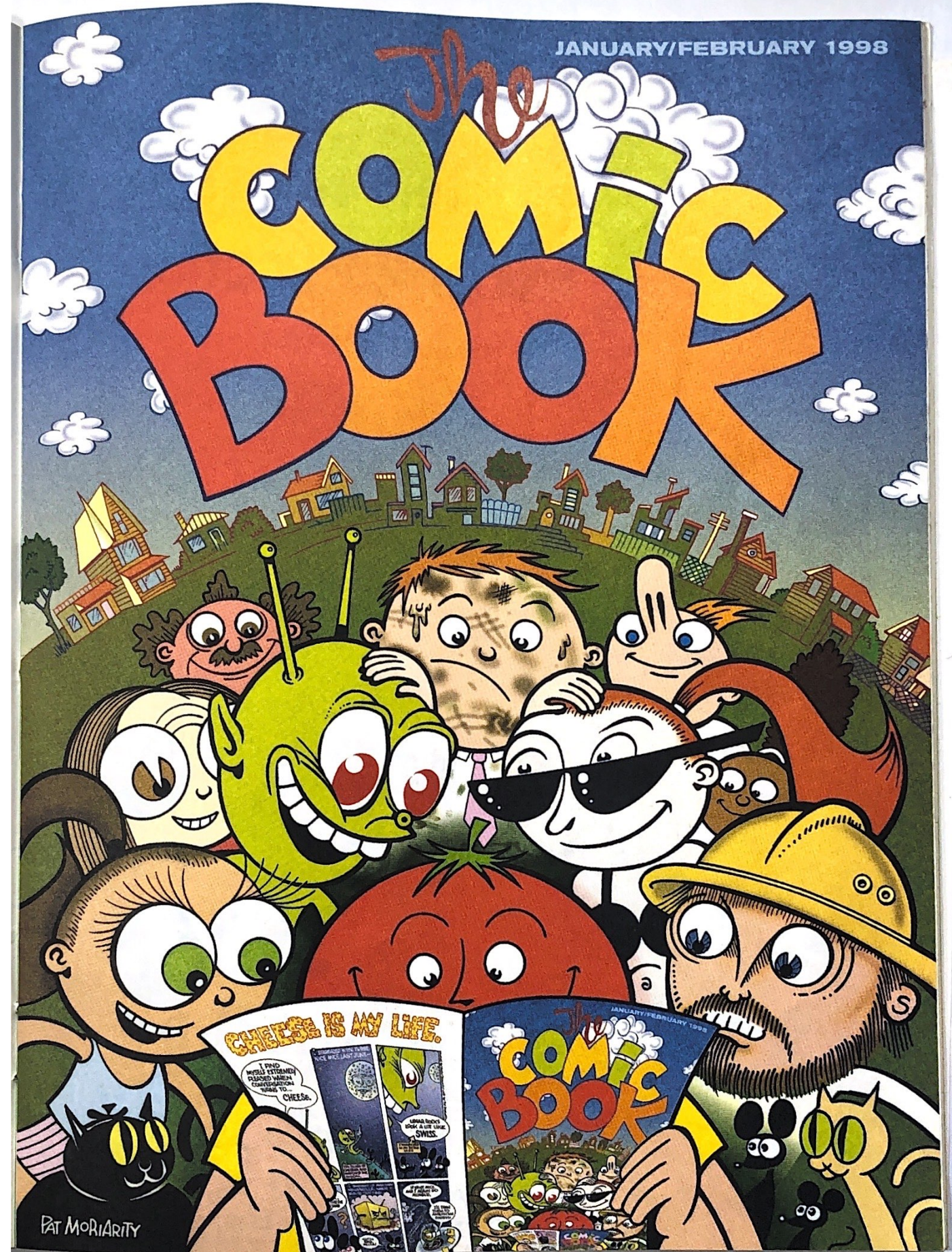
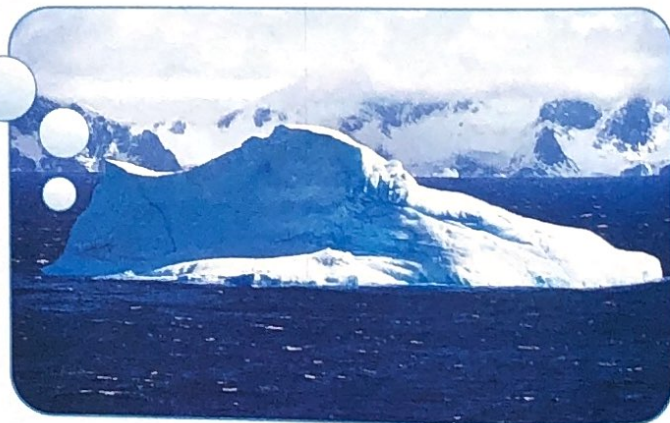
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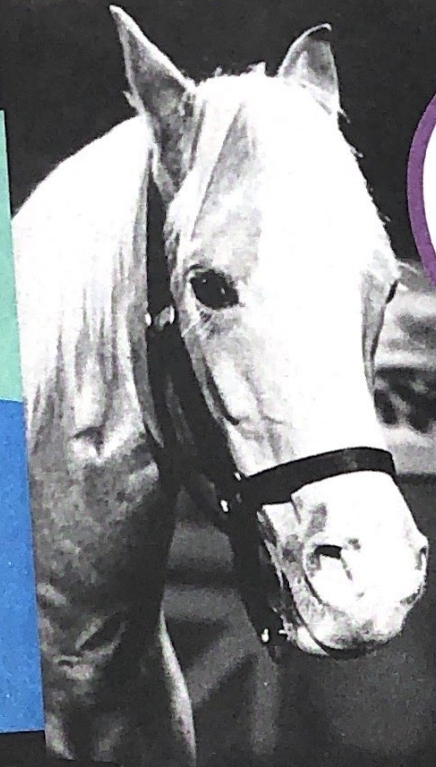
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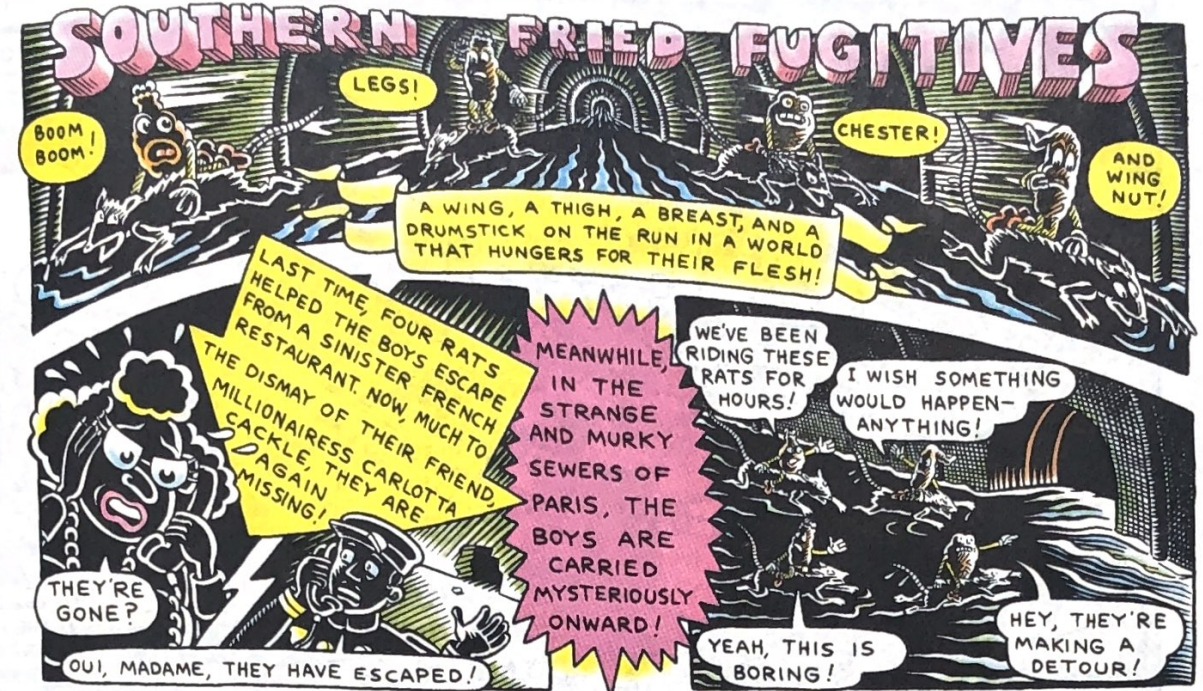
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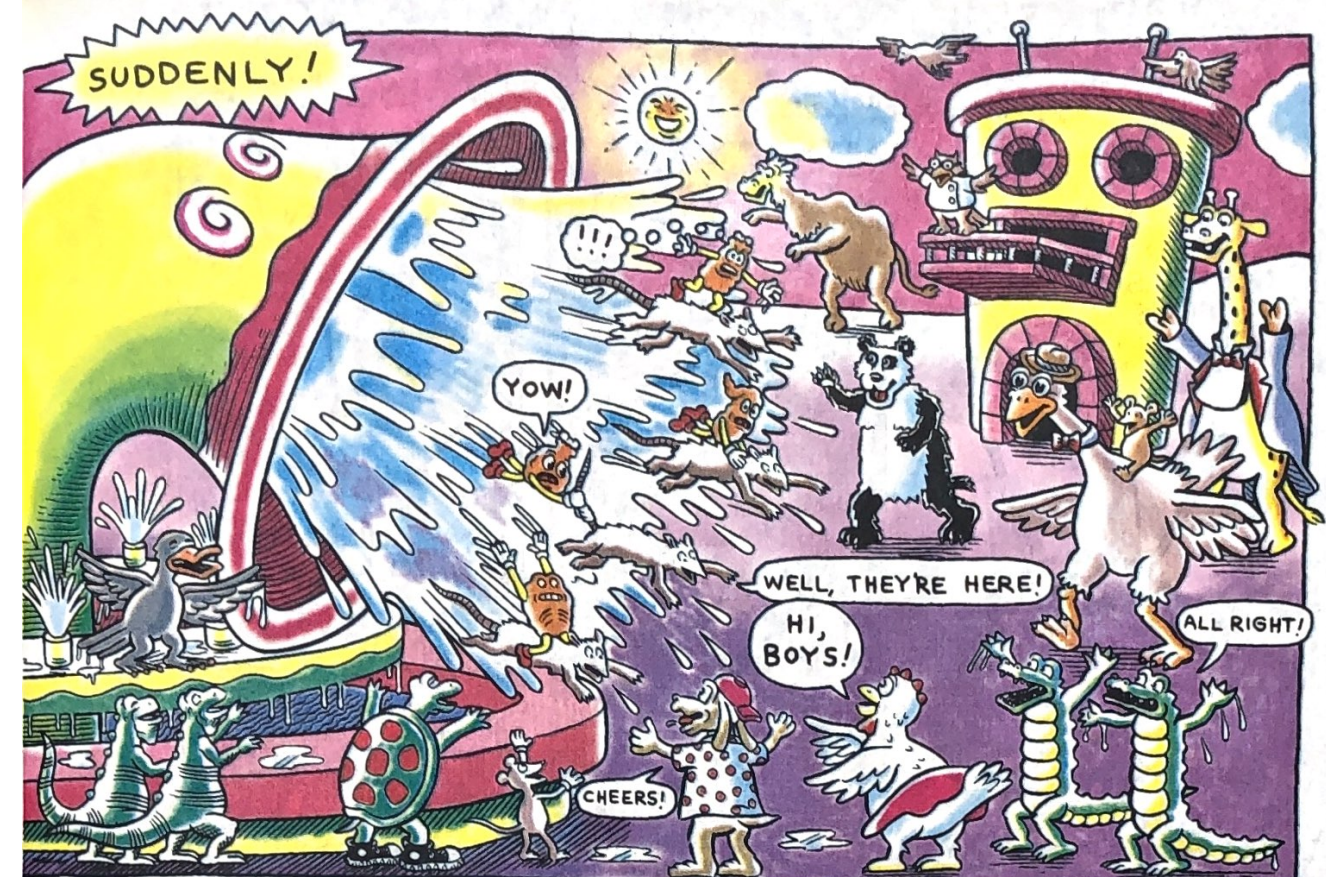


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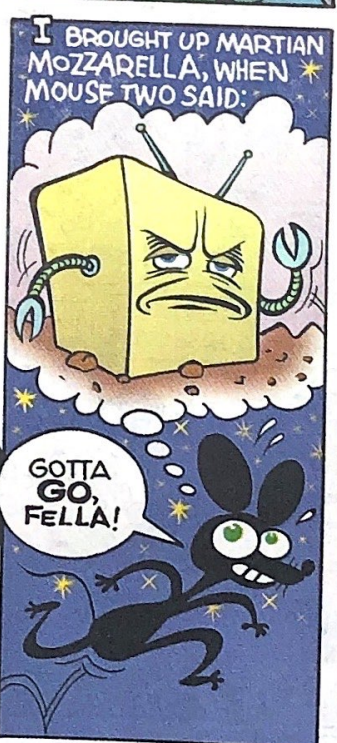
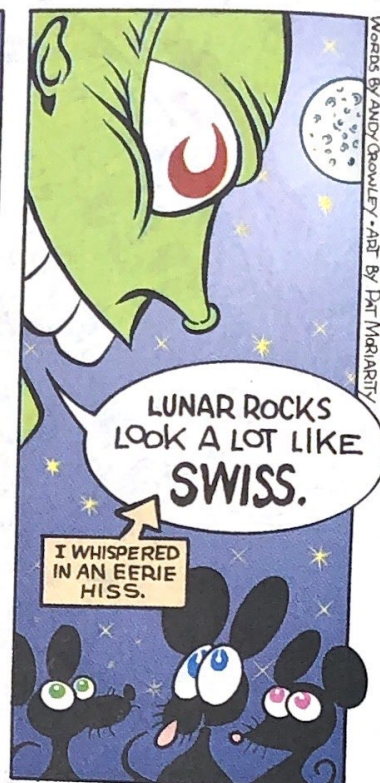
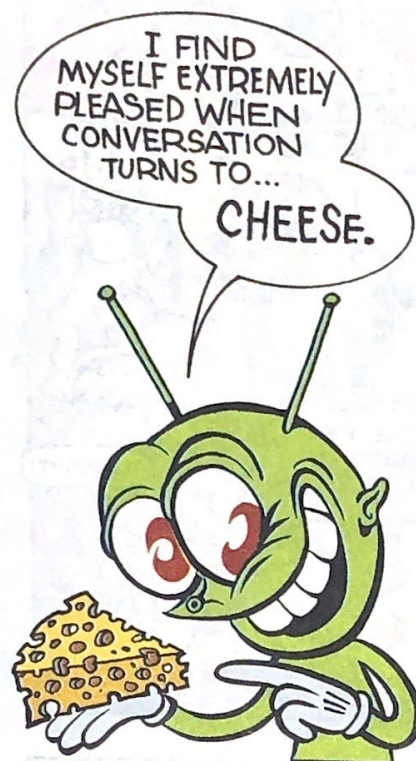
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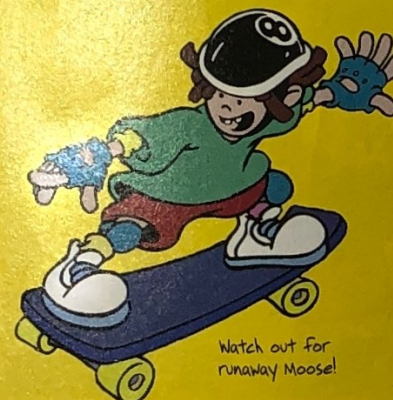


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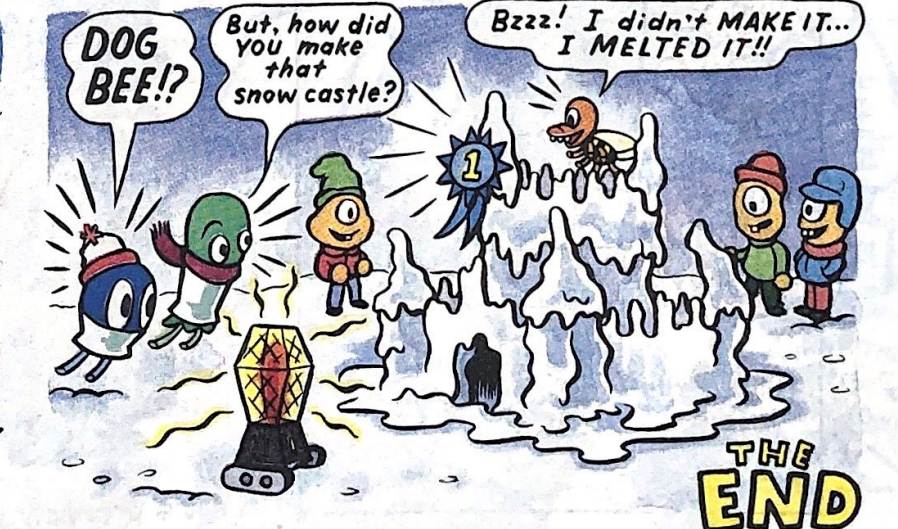
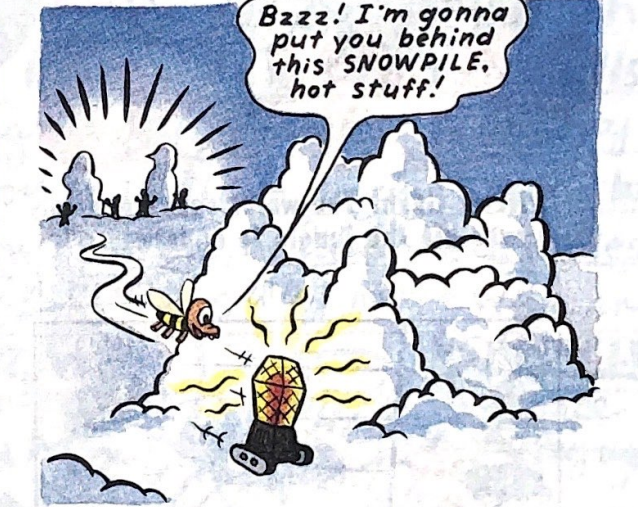
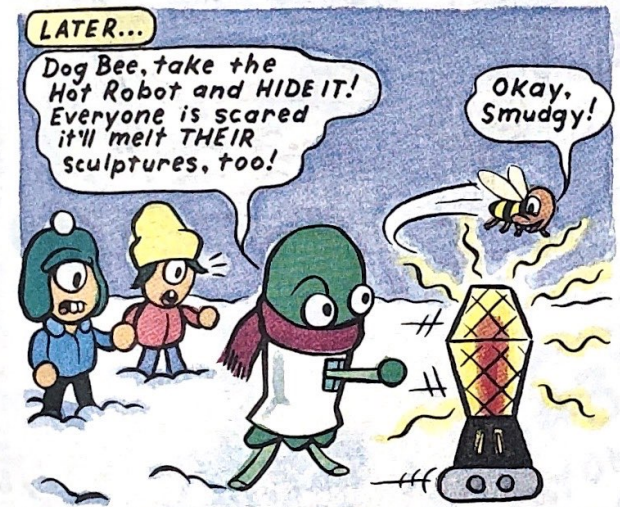
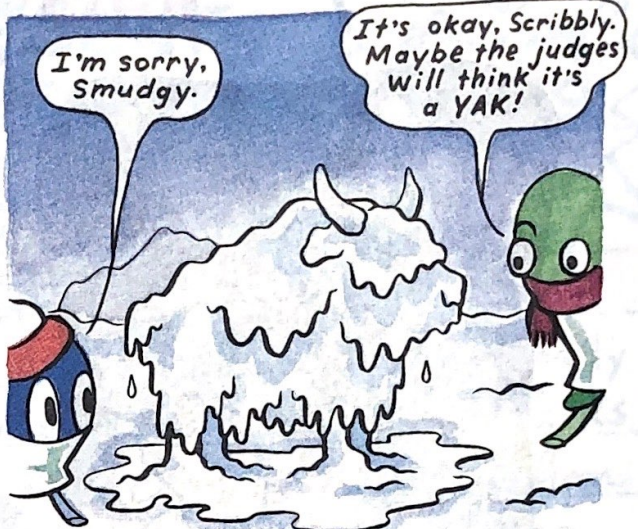
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SMUDGY and SCRIBBLY IN THE HOT ROBOT

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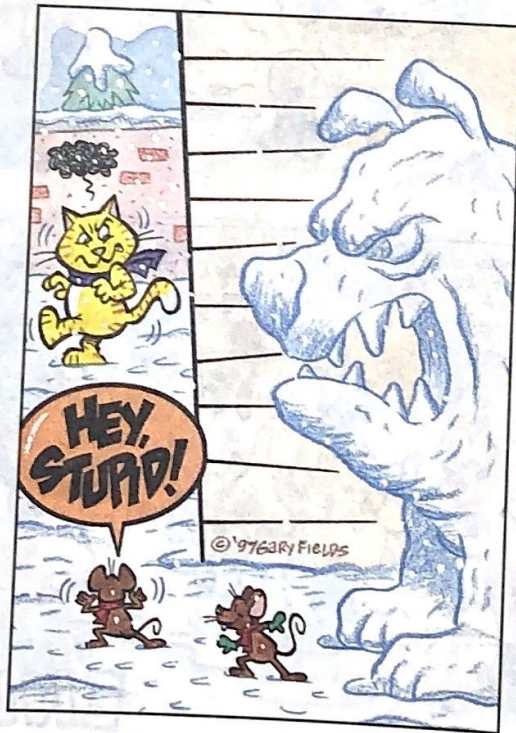
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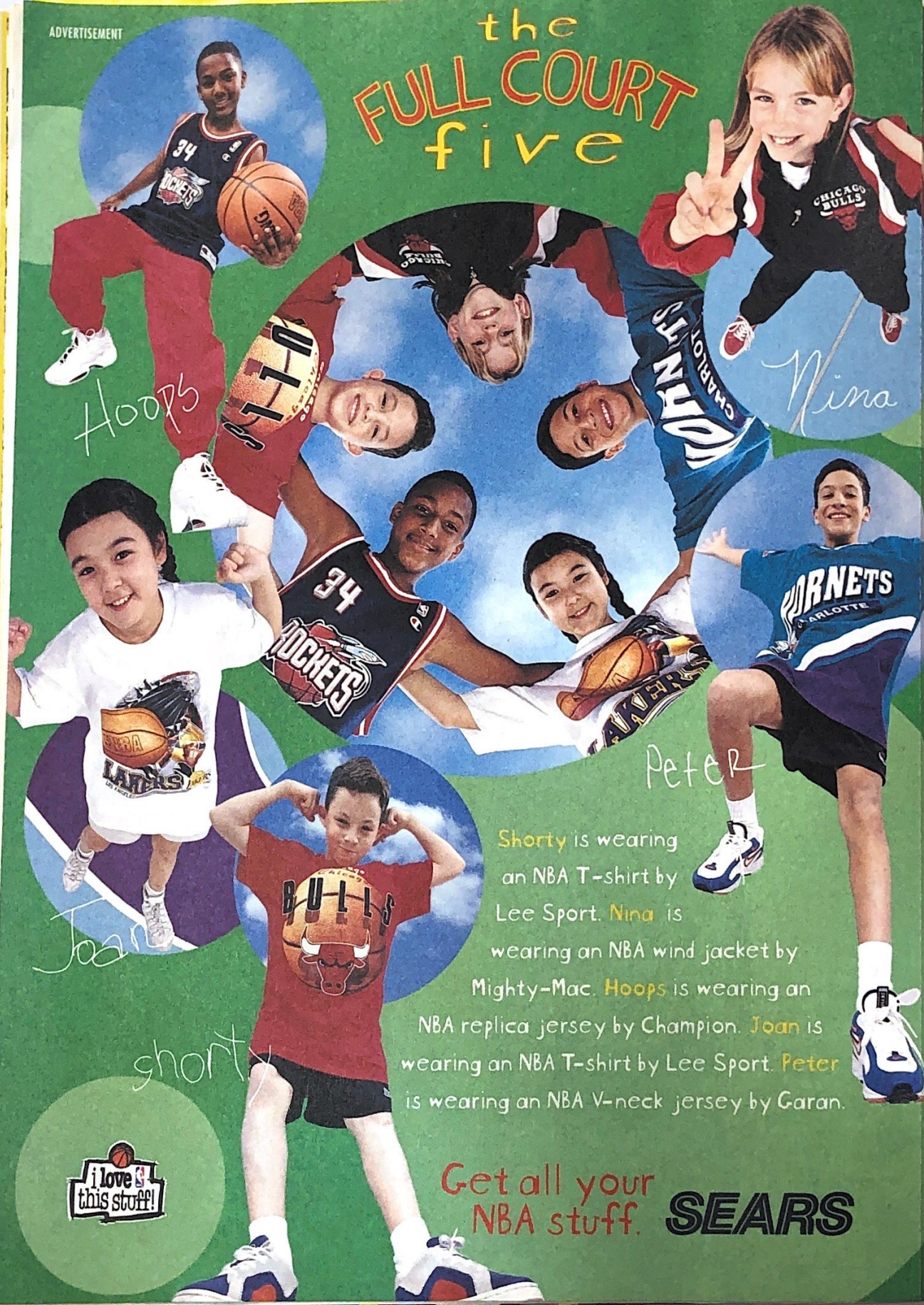
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J a n u a r y

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| <p>Real</p> <p>4 Utah becomes the 45th state, 1896. Don't mis-beehive in the Beehive State.</p> | <p>Nickelodeon</p> <p>5 Bee.</p> | <p>6 Souper Fact #2: The earliest evidence of humans eating soup is from 6000 ac. The main ingredient in the soup was hippopotamus.</p> | <p>1 National Soup Month begins. Over the course of three years, Campbell's produces 132 billion stars for its Chicken & Stars soup—about the same number of stars as in the Milky Way.</p> | <p>2 National 55-miles-per-hour speed limit established, 1974. Take the pedal off the metal.</p> | <p>3 SPEED.</p> | <p>10 Ethan Allen, American Revolutionary War hero, born, 1738. Was his room well furnished?</p> |
| <p>11 International Thank You Days begin. Arigato, cbacibo, danke, gracias, grazie, köszönöm, merci, obrigado, tak.</p> | <p>12 Julia Louis-Dreyfus, actress, born, 1961. Get outta here!</p> | <p>13 Zodiac sign Aquarius begins. Grin and water bearer it.</p> | <p>14 Souper Fact #3: Americans consume more than 10 billion bowls of soup each year.</p> | <p>8 Elvis Presley, singer, born, 1935. Please let him have...your teddy bear.</p> | <p>9 John Hancock, American patriot, born, 1737. Here's his John Hancock.</p> | <p>17 Muhammad Ali, boxer, born, 1942. Float like a butterfly, sting like a ba-bee.</p> |
| <p>18 National Popcorn Day. Get into a tub.</p> | <p>19 The tin can is patented, 1825. Have a can-do attitude.</p> | <p>20 Eddie Van Halen, guitarist, born, 1957. And the cradle did rock.</p> | <p>21 Hakeem Olajuwon, basketball player, born, 1963. He went from layette to lay-up.</p> | <p>15 Elementary School Teacher Day. Tell them they make the grade.</p> | <p>23 John Hancock, American patriot, born, 1737. Here's his John Hancock.</p> | <p>31 National Soup Month ends. It bowled us over.</p> |
| | | | <p>28 Souper Fact #4: In the late 1700s, French royal chefs created a clear-broth soup (called consommé) supposedly because the king wanted to see his reflection in his bowl.</p> | <p>22 Hakeem Olajuwon, basketball player, born, 1963. He went from layette to lay-up.</p> | <p>30 National Soup Month ends. It bowled us over.</p> | |

Fleecy Does It

Many of the plastic soda bottles we recycle are turned into Polartec fleece jackets, gloves, and scarves. RORY EVANS found out how the change from fizz to fuzz takes place.

Real



1 The process begins at the South Carolina plant of Wellman, Inc. Wellman first sorts and cleans recycled clear and green plastic bottles.



2 Machines shred the bottles into small flakes.



3 The plastic flakes are melted into a liquid and pushed through a device that looks like a showerhead. This process turns the plastic into long threads. The threads are then chopped up until they look like cotton candy.

4 The cotton-candy-like substance goes to the Bridgton Knitting factory in Maine, where it is spun into a soft, strong gray thread. The gray thread is then knit into a thin, stretchy material with a nubby texture and called *greige goods* (pronounced "gray goods"), which is a term for any unbleached material.

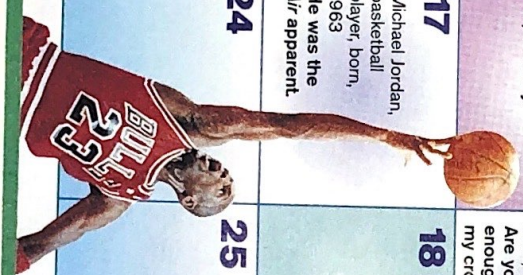


5 Large rolls (called *bolls*) of greige goods are shipped to Malden Mills, a factory in Massachusetts, where the rest of the steps take place.

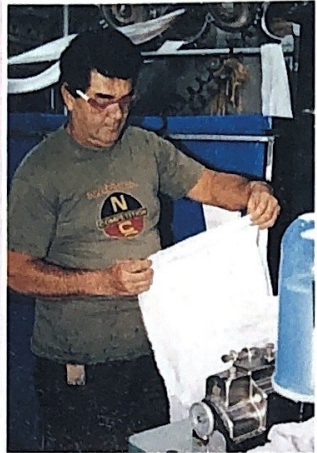
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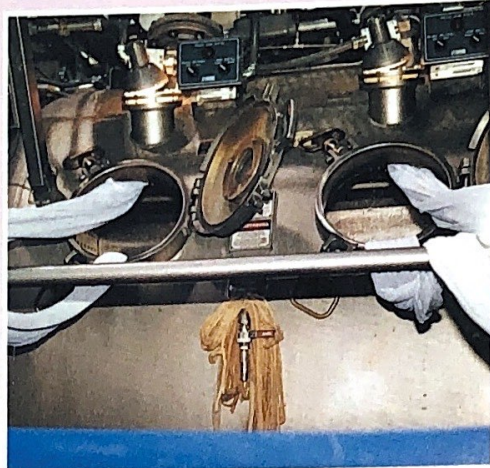
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| 1 <i>Heartfelt Fact #1:</i> The normal heart rate for a child is 90 beats per minute. | 2 Groundhog Day Only his shadow knows. | 3 <i>Heartfelt Fact #2:</i> A newborn's heart is about the size of a walnut. | 4 | 5 <i>Heartfelt Fact #3:</i> A 10-year-old kid's heart is about the size of a pear. | 6 | 7 <i>Heartfelt Fact #4:</i> An adult's heart is about the size of a large potato. |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Alice Walker, author, born, 1944 Wear <i>The Color Purple</i> today. | 11 Sheryl Crow, musician, born, 1962 Are you strong enough to be my crow? | 12 Nothing Day We have nothing to say. | 13 Friday the 13th It's better to have been unlucky in love... | 14 ...than never to have loved at all. |
| 15 Galileo Galilei, astronomer, born, 1564 He had stars in his eyes. | 16 <i>Heartfelt Fact #5:</i> The sound of a heartbeat comes from the opening and closing of the heart valves. | 17 Michael Jordan, basketball player, born, 1963 He was the Air. | 18 | 19 Zodiac sign Pisces begins Something's fishy around here. | 20 Richard Nixon becomes the first U.S. president to visit China, 1972 He saw the writing on the wall. | 21 VALENTINE'S DAY |
| 22 Drew Barrymore, actress, born, 1975 She was a real <i>Scream</i> . | 23 <i>Heartfelt Fact #6:</i> The average adult heart weighs about 11 ounces—slightly less than a can of soda. | 24 | 25 | 26 Lew Strauss, creator of jeans, born, 1829 Was he born at 5:01? | 27 | 28 <i>American Heart Month ends</i> Get pumped up for March. |



More Fleecey



6 Workers sew lengths of the fabric together to make long pieces for the next step.



7 The greige goods then go for a washing and dyeing in the dye jet. In the photo above, the greige goods feed into the dye jet.

The fabric comes out of the dye jet soggy and colorful. Then it's put on a machine to be dried and stretched.

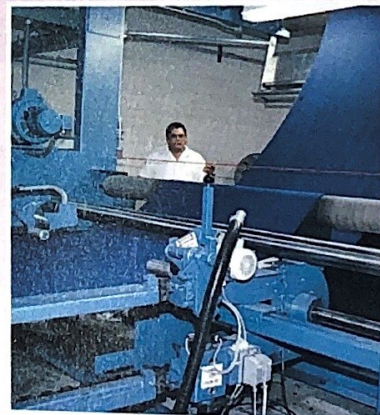
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9 The fabric is ready for the napper (above, left), the machine that makes it fleecy. Prickly wire bristles cover the napper's rollers. These bristles hook into, break open, and then straighten tiny loops of thread that make up the fabric's surface. The fabric comes out of the napper soft and fuzzy (above, right).

Since fleece comes in different thicknesses, or "piles," the fuzz must be sheared down to size. A machine shaves the surface of the fabric, giving the fleece a crew cut.

10



11 The heat setter trims the edges so they're straight and even, and removes the last bit of moisture in the fleece. (This is a different piece of fabric than the red shown in step 9.)



12 Before it's rolled onto bolts and shipped from the factory, workers inspect every yard of the fabric, making sure the fleece has no flaws.

Or claws or paws.



13 Bolts of fabric leave Malden Mills for other manufacturers, who will sew the Polartec fleece into hats, mittens, jackets, vests, and more.



14 That's the story, from cold soda in plastic bottles to warm bodies in fluffy fleece.

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SWEET JOB

Necco, a candy company in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been making Conversation Hearts for Valentine's Day since 1902.

Rory Evans had a heart-to-heart conversation with **Walter Marshall** (above), a vice president at Necco, who decides which sayings are printed on the candies.

Real

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Where do you get ideas for the sayings on the Conversation Hearts?
WALTER MARSHALL: Anywhere. For the last few years my grandkids have given me great inspiration for phrases.

How many different sayings are there?
 There are more than a hundred that we use, and probably about eighty percent of those we use year in and year out. We may take some liberties with the other twenty percent.

What kinds of changes have you made?
 Two years ago, we took out DIG ME, SOLID, and GROOVY. We also added some high-tech ones, like E-MAIL ME, FAX ME, and PAGE ME. If we think we have something that's new and catchy, we'll put it on the hearts. But the romantic tinge has to stay.

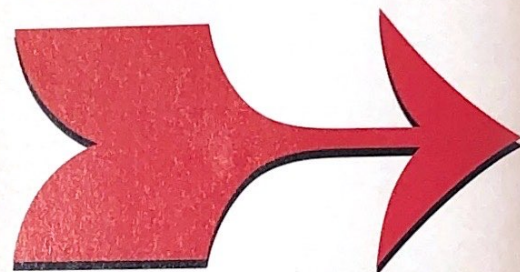
Has the MARRY ME heart ever been used for a marriage proposal?
 Conversation Hearts are usually sold only from the first of January to Valentine's Day—we sell about eight billion of them then. We have had people call us at other points in the year, saying, "I want to propose, but I need a MARRY ME heart to put inside the ring box." So we find a few and send them out.

Do you have a personal favorite saying?
 I'm asked that every year, and I suppose they're the brand-new ones. I'll give you two, both of which I got from my 11-year-old granddaughter, Rachel. One is YOU GO GIRL, and the other is YOU RULE.

I DROOL



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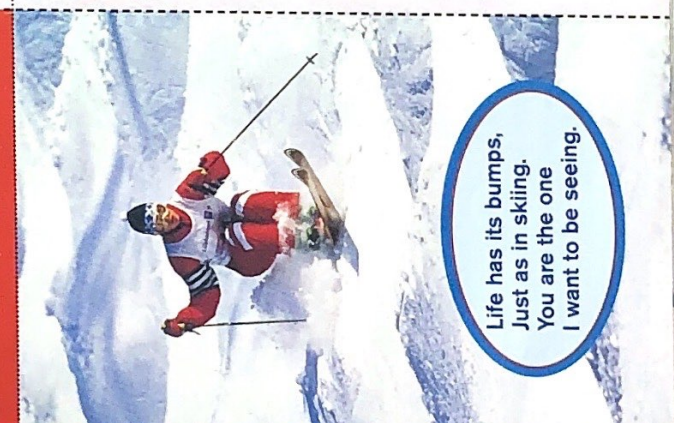
Valentine's Day Cards



It toboggans the mind how much I like you.



Life has its bumps, Just as in skiing. You are the one I want to be seeing.



I'd really like to like you axel you out on a skate.



Valentine's Day Cards

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From: _____

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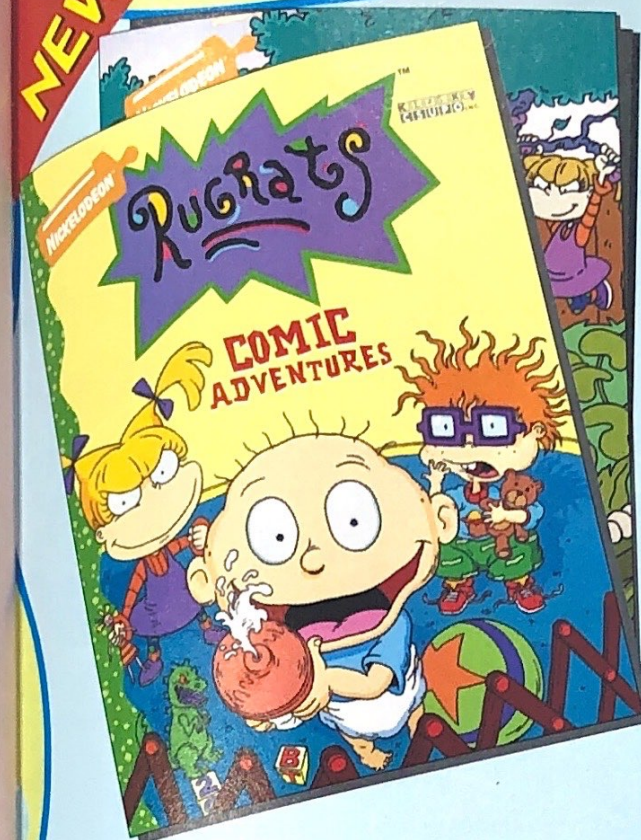
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An Athlete's Dream

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Ask your friends to give you the words to fill in the blanks of this touching tale (without showing or reading the page to them). Pencil in their words. Then read the whole thing out loud. Maybe you'll bring a tear to someone's eye.



Let's take a break from our _____ Winter Olympic coverage to share the _____-warming tale of one athlete's _____ journey to Nagano.

I'm standing here in the tiny village of _____emburg, hometown of women's downhill skier _____ Klutzakova. It was only _____ years ago that _____ woke up every morning to walk _____ miles through fields of _____ to take skiing lessons.

Unfortunately, after _____ lessons, she was forced to give up her skis and join the family business of cleaning _____. But determined to follow her _____, she snuck out each night to practice moguls on the backs of sleeping herds of _____(s).

Her skill on the slopes soon impressed _____-time Olympic medalist Victor _____ski. Victor agreed to coach _____ for free. "She is not afraid to _____ until she gets it right," says Victor. "And that is the _____ of a true champion."

Then tragedy struck. At the World Championship, she skied into a _____, smashing her dreams and her left _____. Doctors wondered if she would ever _____ again. But _____ did not give up. A team of _____ implanted another _____, and she was back on skis only _____ days ago—just in time for the 1998 Winter Olympics!

Her inspiring story shows that if you really believe in _____, your dreams *can* come true.



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New in Nagano

This year's Olympics in Nagano, Japan, will feature three sports new to the Winter Games: snowboarding, women's ice hockey, and curling. We spoke to a snowboarder and a female ice hockey player to get us in shape for watching two of the new events.

SNOWBOARDING



Eleven-year-old Shaun White of Del Mar, California, has ranked first overall in his age group at the U.S. Amateur Snowboard Association Nationals for the past three years. He won't be competing in Nagano, but hopes to make it to the games in 2002. **John-Ryan Hevron** caught up with Shaun and launched some questions his way.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Why did you start snowboarding?

SHAUN WHITE: My older brother got me into it when I was seven. My whole family snowboards.

What's the hardest thing about doing a flip?

Having the guts to do it. If you get halfway upside down and you chicken out, you'll land on your head.

So how do you practice them?

I have a trampoline in my backyard. I jump around on it to get comfortable with being upside down.

Have you ever been hurt?

Yeah, but I've never broken anything.



Do you have any tips for keeping your hands warm? Clamp your fist. That's why I like mittens. With gloves,



if one of your fingers gets cold, you can't rub it against another one to get warm again.

What makes a person a really good snowboarder? Being able to turn is the key to snowboarding.

If we stopped you on a ski slope and asked you to empty your pockets, what would be in them?

Candy. Fruit By The Foot, Snickers, Butterfingers, Milky Ways—tons of stuff. It keeps me going.

Slang on the Slopes

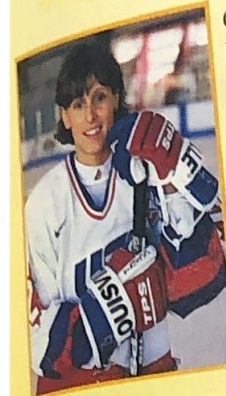
Regular foot When an athlete stands with his or her left foot in the snowboard's front binding.

Goofy foot When an athlete stands with his or her right foot in the snowboard's front binding.

Fakie A stunt where a snowboarder rides down a slope with the tail of the board in front.

Ollie A small jump made when a snowboarder springs into the air without using a ramp, just like in skateboarding.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY



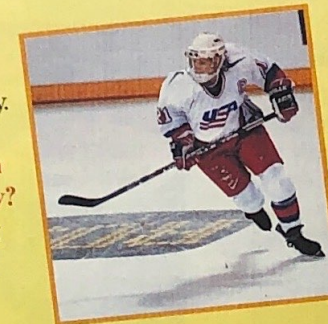
me to figure skate, but I wanted to play hockey. It was the equipment—I thought it was cool.

Did you freeze your backyard when you were a kid?

Yes. Actually, it was our driveway.

What's the difference between men's and women's ice hockey?

There's no bodychecking [using your body to block an opposing player] in women's hockey. So there's more time to make decisions, because you don't have someone flying into you.



How many pounds of equipment do you wear? About twenty.

What does your brother, Tony [a left wing for the San Jose Sharks], think about your getting to play in the Olympics? He's very excited. We have a little competition going. When we both have games, we see who can score more.

What would happen if other great athletes had to perform on ice—Michael Jordan, for example? Someone who hasn't been on skates doesn't know how difficult it is. I think he might have some trouble. I'd like to get him in skates and teach him, though.

When you order a soft drink, do you ask for extra ice? Nope.

Useful Foreign Phrases

Amaze your friends and family while watching the Winter Olympics with these useful Japanese phrases.

すみません。このお寿司、なまぐさいのですが。

su-MEE-mah-sen, KO-no oh SU-shi
na-ma-gu-SYE no-DEH-su-ga.

Waiter, this sushi tastes fishy.



タマゴっちがカーベットのにももらしちゃった。

ta-ma-GOT-chi-ga KAH-pet-oh no-DOAY-ni
mo-RASH-cha-ta.

My Tamagotchi just went all over the rug.

さあ、どこにリュージュをおいてたっけ？

sah, DOH-ko-ni RYU-ju oo oi-TAHK-kay?

Now where did I park my luge?

Ruffing It E P I S O D E 20

An Ice Time Was Had by All

Featuring ZELDA VAN GUTTERS, Roving Reporter

Your human Winter Olympics may begin on February 7 in Japan, but the rest of the natural world got their own glacial games in Nagano, too. Here's the scintillating scoop from me, your snowbound snoop.

1 Before the Games began, I met with the Penguinochi Brothers. They were in charge of making all the snow for the 1998 Winter Games.

If someone falls on our snow, Zelda, that's his problem.

How can you guys *tux* like that? Do you have ice water in your veins?

Actually, we do.

2 Then I visited speed skater Bonnie Polar Blair, who was set to race the first heat of the 5,000 meters when...

Hey, I've waited four years for this! Am I supposed to skate on this or swim in it?

Maybe when they heard you needed to warm up, they got the wrong idea?

3 The world-famous Boscs, favored to win the gold in pears figure skating, practiced a few moves for me the night before the finals.

Okay...now, Sergei, we spin around 10 more times counterclockwise.

Yeah, and if you spin around 30 more times, you qualify for 3,000 Frequent Triple-Toe-Looping miles.

4 I was with the Swedish ski-jumping swan, Sven Swansong, when he vied for the gold medal in the 50 gazillion-meter ski jump. But...

I won't jump, Zelly! I won't!

Aren't you worried about breaking your promise to your country?

I'm worried about breaking my neck!

5 I had a chance to try my paw at freestyle skiing with the Australian team captain, Picaroo Street.

You're pretty good for a first-timer, Zel. You're really hotdogging it.

Uh, yeah...I guess...um, you got any motion sickness pills in that pouch of yours?

6 Every night, the athletes went to the Lagomorph Lodge to unwind after the day's activities. The place was hopping with ski bunnies!

So what's the big draw here? The hot cocoa? The cute guys?

Cute guys? It's the logs in the fireplace—they're carrots!

Nagano was fun, but it sure was good to get back home to Nick Mag. I look forward to skiing my new friends again in 2002.

Whatever You Want

Say What?
from the September issue.

Nurse: This can opener sure does the trick.
Boy: You're getting the same haircut I got last month!
Boy G., age 7 1/2
Woodland Hills, California

Nurse: What an adorable little girl!
Boy: Too...much...pink...can't...see...properly...AHHHHH!
Hayley B., age 9
Dallas, Texas

Nurse: Hmm, this one won't fit in the pot.
Boy: Nurse, what do you do with the children under 48 inches?
Robby Z., age 12
Andover, Minnesota



Nurse: What the—? Her head is stuck to the scale.
Boy: The gum just slipped out, I swear!
Sean B., age 11
Riverton, Utah

Nurse: If I press hard enough, this kid could be an inch shorter!
Boy: Man, I thought this was the line for the bathroom.
D.A. B., age 6 1/2
Canton, Ohio

Thanks for all your entries. They really tipped the scales.

Say Thanks We have just selected a new group of 35 advisers to help us in 1998. Before they get started, we'd like to thank this past year's advisers for helping us with the last 10 issues.

Jon-Charles A.
Muscotah, Kansas

Lia A.
Somerville, Massachusetts

Ty B.
Casco, Michigan

Alexandria C.
Dalzell, South Carolina

Danny C.
Marshall, Michigan

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Union City, California

Nick T.
Tempe, Arizona

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Grand Blanc, Michigan

Erin W.
Santa Rosa, California

Meg W.
Gainesville, Florida

Thanks to them, congratulations to the new advisers, and thanks to everyone who offered to help.

Dear Alien

My name is QZXLXZQ, and I'm from the planet Zittiz. You can call me QZ for short. I know about everything in the universe and a lot about some other places, too. So ask me a question about anything, and I'll give you otherworldly wisdom.

Dear QZ:
How can I stop my dog from peeing everywhere?
David B.
Dyersburg, Tennessee

David:
My advice is: don't take her everywhere! If she's not everywhere, then she can't pee there, can she?

Dear QZ:
I think weddings are boring. Have you been to one? Was it boring?

Amy P.
Southwest Harbor, Maine

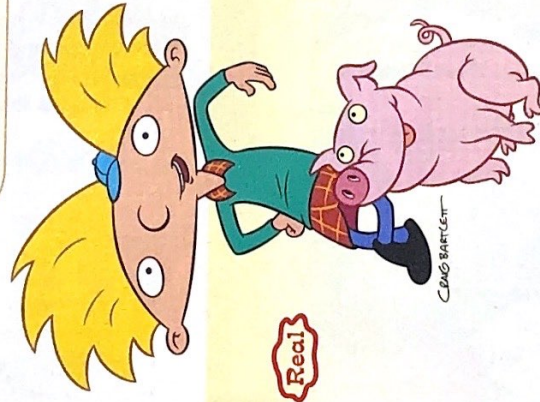
Amy:
Weddings...boring? When the bride throws the groom to the bridesmaids? When the father of the bride makes toast for everyone? When people throw mice at the couple, and when the bride and groom cut the cheese? (Okay, so maybe we do things a little differently up here.)

Do you have a question for QZ? Write to:

Ask QZ
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New York, NY 10036

Sorry, but due to the massive cold front moving in on Johnsonius-13, QZ cannot answer every letter.





The House of Arnold

Monica Rizzo spoke with *Hey Arnold!* creator **Craig Bartlett** about one of the coolest parts of Arnold's life. No, not his pet pig, his oddball grandma, or his weirdly shaped head. She talked to Craig about Arnold's incredible room.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Why did you give Arnold such a cool room?

CRAIG BARTLETT: I wanted to give Arnold a really amped-up fantasy life. His room is meant to be fun. It's his Batcave. I wanted kids to watch the show and say, "I wish I could live like him."

Why did Arnold's grandparents let him have the room with the skylight?

I like to think that when Arnold moved in with his grandparents as a very small boy, they told him he could pick any room in the boarding house and fix it up. He probably picked the attic loft because it has that great skylight.

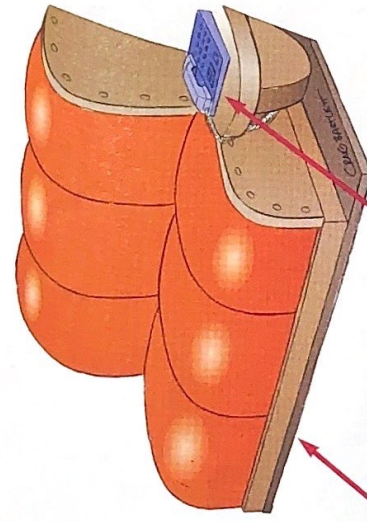
What was your room like as a kid?

When I was 10, my parents got a house on the beach, north of Seattle, Washington. My dad and I built my bedroom in the basement. The bed was kind of like a bunk in a boat. I climbed up a ladder to get into it. The whole room had a nautical theme. But I didn't have any gadgets or anything. Arnold's room is way cooler than the one I lived in!



What's in There?

Craig Bartlett gave Monica a guided tour of Arnold's pad.



COUCH

"It pops in and out of the wall. I wish I had one of those. It's so ridiculous and unnecessary, but it's a great touch."

PHONE

"Arnold must have attached it to the table with Velcro, so the receiver doesn't fall off the hook when the couch and table go up into the wall."



BOOKENDS

"Those L-shaped things on the bookshelf are regular bookends. Arnold put them there backwards."

CITY IN A SNOWDOME

A BOX LABELED "MYSTERY"

"It's a mystery. Maybe someday we'll find out what's in it."

REMOTE CONTROL

"It operates all of the electronics in the place: his stereo, his lights, and the couch."

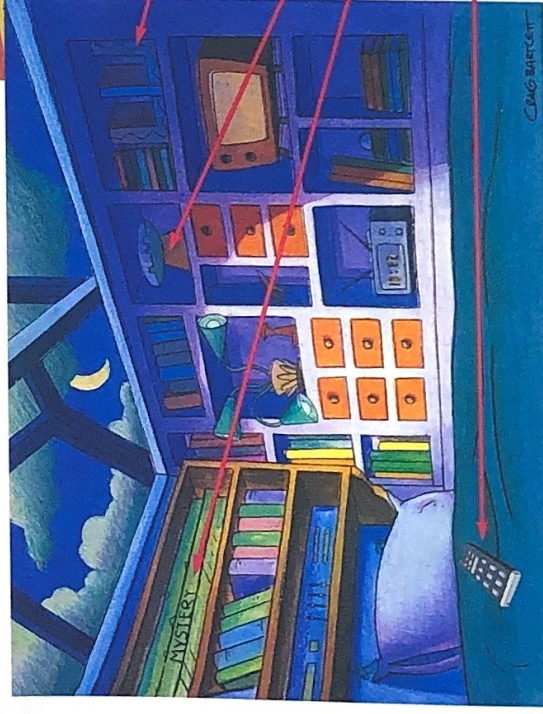
FISHBOWL

"Arnold converted a watercooler tank into a fishbowl."

STEREO AND COMPUTER

"He has a stereo, a computer, and a lot of other expensive stuff. I figure maybe he found them all piece by piece in junk stores. A lot of kids write in and ask if Arnold is really rich. It's more like he's just creative."

Hey Arnold! airs on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 PM, and on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 AM. Show airs one hour earlier in the central time zone. Check local listings for details.

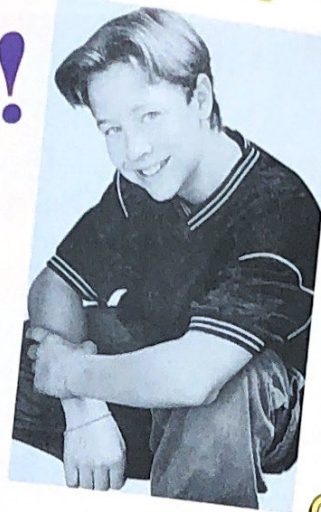


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MORE NEWS FROM NICKELODEON

Hey, Phillip!

Thirteen-year-old Phillip Van Dyke plays the famous football-headed kid on *Hey Arnold!* He voiced some opinions to Monica Rizzo about his job and the show.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:
How did you get this job?

PHILLIP VAN DYKE: I auditioned for it, and then two months went by before I got the role. It has been one of the most fun things I've worked on.

How are you and Arnold alike?

We're both nice guys, but Arnold is more laid back than I am. It takes a lot for him to get excited about anything. I'm a little bit more hyper.

What do you think Arnold would do if he found out Helga liked him?

I don't think he would get excited or anything, but I think he would treat her differently.

Is your room at home like Arnold's?

Not really. I've got a lot of hockey stuff around, like an autographed Wayne Gretzky jersey and a Mario Lemieux card and picture, both autographed. I love hockey! I'm the captain of my roller hockey team.

What's your favorite part of Arnold's room?

The sound system. He has a cool CD player.

What's New on Nick

by Erica Pass



Love and War

Helga decides to tell Arnold how she *really* feels about him on the *Hey Arnold!* Valentine's Day Special. Watch what happens on Wednesday, February 11, at 8 PM, and Saturday, February 14, at 11 AM.

A Month of Invention

Tune in for Nickelodeon's celebration of **Black History Month**. Each day in February, Nick airs a tribute between shows to an African-American inventor. And watch for episodes of your favorite Nick programs and specials featuring black actors, directors, and producers, including *Nickelodeon Sports Theater With Shaquille O'Neal*.



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Real

Hey, Herb!

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.

Do you mind that it gets dark early in the winter?

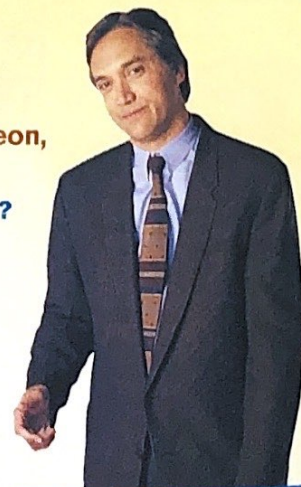
I hate it, because it reminds me of how I had to be home before dark when I was a kid.

What's the best part about winter?

Sledding. I like it better than skiing because I'm kind of gawky on skis.

Did you have a lot of winter colds when you were a kid?

I had a cold all through elementary school. I think in the fourth grade I was out sick about forty-five times.



SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO:

Hey, Herb!

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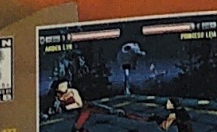


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The Jokes

by David Lewman

What's the coldest part of a cake?
The icing.

Was the little piece of ice like his dad?
Yes, he was a chip off the cold block.

What did Tweety say when he let Sylvester out of the refrigerator?
"I thought I'd thaw a pudgy tat."

Where in the supermarket did Bugs find Elmer?
In the frozen Fudd aisle.

Why won't dogs fetch snowballs?
Because you can't teach a cold dog new tricks.

What do you call a baby polar bear?
An ice cub.

Which NASA department is responsible for warming an astronaut's fingers?
Mitten Control.

What happened when Garfield explored the freezer?
Curiosity chilled the cat.

How is a small dog like a chilly day?
They're both a little nippy.

What do Eskimos use to stick blocks of ice together?
Ig-gue.

What do you call a ginger cookie at the North Pole?
A cold snap.

What's the most popular sport in Antarctica?
South polo.

What will Steven Spielberg call his movie about dinosaurs in Iceland?
The Frost World.

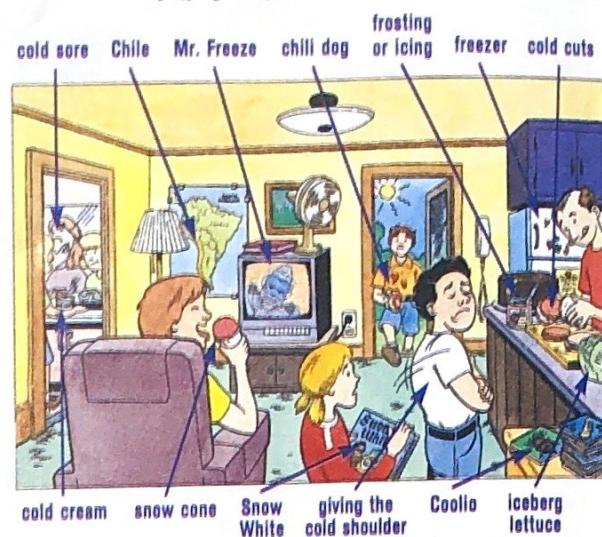
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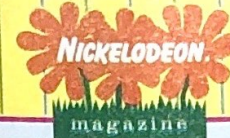
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